

# GILA NATIONAL FOREST



# NEWS

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**Wildfires**— There are no wildfires on the Reserve Ranger District at this time.

## Wildland Fire Use – all were lightning-caused

**Martinez:** Reserve Ranger District, detected on 6/06/06, located 12 miles southwest of Reserve, NM. The fire is approximately 865 acres after making a 1 1/2 mi. run to the northeast yesterday. Plans today are to complete check-lines on the southwest side of the fire to prevent backing onto private land. In addition, dozers will recon locations for check-lines and begin construction on the northwest part of the fire to prevent movement across Gordon Canyon. There are no current threats to structures from any portion of the fire. However, residents in Rancho Grande and Five Bar (5-) areas likely will experience smoke and may intermittently see light ash falling. **A community fire information meeting will be held at 7 pm in the Rancho Grande fire hall to present information about the fire and answer the questions of area residents.** Staffing on the fire today includes a 10-person fire use module, two engines, and 6 miscellaneous overhead for a total of 23 personnel. Air support is available as needed, and more resources are on order and expected to arrive during the day.

**Wilson:** Reserve Ranger District, detected on 6/06/06, located 9 miles northwest of Reserve, NM. The fire is approximately 2100 acres and burning in piñon-juniper and ponderosa pine. The fire is mainly backing in the understory, with short upslope runs in pine forest. Plans today are to locate and build fireline along the fenceline from FR3023 to FR3022 and to the southwest to Outlaw Spring. This will prevent fire from moving into areas where there are resource issues or private lands. The fire is on both sides of NFRS 49 road and a road closure is in effect on this road from the NFRS 49A junction to the junction of NFRS 545 in the vicinity of Torriette Lake. There are no threats to structures from any portion of the fire. Resources assigned to the fire include four 20-person type 1 crews, 2 fire use modules, 5 engines, and 9 miscellaneous overhead, for a total of 121.

## Definitions

**Wildland Fire** is any non-structure fire that occurs in the wildland. Three distinct types of wildland fire have been defined and include **wildfire**, **wildland fire use**, and **prescribed fire**.

**Wildfire** is an unplanned, unwanted wildland fire, including unauthorized human-caused fires, escaped wildland fire use events, escaped prescribed fire projects, and all other wildland fires where the objective is to put the fire out.

**Wildland Fire Use** is the application of appropriate management response to naturally ignited wildland fires to accomplish specific resource management objectives in predefined designated areas outlined in Fire Management Plans.

**Prescribed fire** is any fire ignited by management actions to meet specific objectives. A written, approved prescribed fire plan must exist, and NEPA requirements (where applicable) must be met, prior to ignition.

**Prescribed Fires** – There are no prescribed fires on the Reserve Ranger District at this time.